

REMARKS

The Office Action indicated that Claims 1-18 were allowed. With the canceling of Claim 19, it is believed that the case is now in condition for allowance and early notification of the same is requested.

Applicant timely submitted an Information Disclosure Statement on June 14, 2004 and a copy of the receipt postcard and Information Disclosure Statement is attached hereto. It is requested that these references be acknowledged and made of record.

If there are any questions with regards to this matter the undersigned attorney would appreciate a telephone conference.

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